

**CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS OZ 52141**

5. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one partially degraded soybean protein with a degree of hydrolysis of from 0.1 to 20% is used as protective colloid.

6. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the carotenoids used are oxygen-containing carotenoids.

10. A carotenoid-containing dry powder obtainable by a process as defined in claim 1.

12. A dry powder as claimed in claim 10, comprising oxygen-containing carotenoids selected from the group consisting of astaxanthin, canthaxanthin, lutein, zeaxanthin, citranaxanthin and ethyl  $\beta$ -apo-8'-carotenoate.

15. The use of the carotenoid-containing dry powders as defined in claim 10 as addition to human foods, pharmaceuticals and/or animal feeds.